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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH



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PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year ended 31st December 1969

June 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the
Portland Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

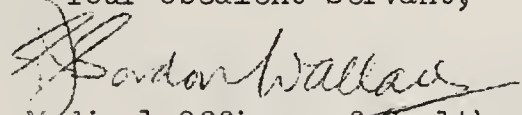
I have the honour to submit for your information and consideration my Report for the year 1969 on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Urban District.

So far as infectious diseases were concerned, it was once again a very quiet year, the largest number of notifications (19) being in respect of a mild form of dysentery.

The Vital Statistics of the district are reproduced on form S.D. 52 supplied by the Registrar General.

It is again a pleasure to place on record my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration which has been extended to me by the Council throughout the year. I am most grateful to my fellow officials and to the Council staff generally for their helpful co-operation. In particular Mr. Williams your Public Health Inspector, and my Clerical Assistant, Miss Valerie Scriven, have helped greatly to promote the efficiency of the Public Health Department.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,


Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department Staff

1. Medical Officer of Health, Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace.
2. Public Health Inspector, Mr. F. A. Williams, M.A.P.H.I., A.M.I.M.M.E.
3. Clerk (part-time) Miss Valerie Scriven.
4. Sanitary Assistant/Rodent Operative, Mr. T. Llewellyn.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (land and internal water) in acres	2,905
Rateable Value at 1st April 1969	£372,740
Sum represented by the Penny Rate at 1st April 1969	£1,514
No. of houses or flats (exclusive of Government properties) 1st April 1969	2,976
No. of Council houses or flats (included in above)	(729)
Shops assessed with private dwelling accommodation	81
Licensed Premises, hotels or boarding houses	31
Miscellaneous (shops, offices, huts, garages)	1,175

	Local authority area			England and Wales (Total)	Local authority area	England and Wales
	Males	Females	Total			
Estimated mid-year home population.	-	-	12,780	48,826,800	-	-
Live births Total	127	108	235	797,542	18.4	16.3
Legitimate	118	103	221	730,500	1.26	1.00
Illegitimate	9	5	14	67,042	23.2	16.3
					1.42	1.00
					6	8
Stillbirths Total		3	3	10,662		
Legitimate		3	3	9,555	13	13
Illegitimate				1,107		
Total live and still births	127	111	238	808,204		
	118	106	224	740,055		
	9	5	14	68,149		
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age						
Total	3	3	6	14,397	26	18
Legitimate	3	3	6	12,694	27	17
Illegitimate				1,703		25

	Local authority area			England and Wales (Total)		Local authority area	England and Wales
	Males	Females	Total				
Deaths of infants under 4 Weeks of age							
Total	2	2	4	9,603	Neonatal mortality rate		
Legitimate	2	2	4	8,494	Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	17	12
Illegitimate				1,109			
under 1 week of age							
Total	2	2	4	8,232	Early neonatal mortality rate		
Legitimate	2	2	4	7,266	Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	17	10
Illegitimate				966	Perinatal mortality rate		
					Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births	29	23
Deaths all ages	73	54	127	579,463	Deaths rates, etc. - all ages	9.9	11.9
					Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	1.30	1.00
					Area comparability factor	12.9	11.9
					Local adjusted rate	1.08	1.00
					Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate		

General Register Office,
Titchfield,
Fareham,
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Cause of death	Sex	All ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & under 1 year	Age In Years								75 & over	
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74		
B4 ENTERITIS AND OTHER DIARRHOEAL DISEASES	M F	- 1	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
B5 TUBERCULOSIS OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
B18 OTHER INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -
B19(1) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BUCCAL CAVITY ETC	M F	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 2
B19(3) MALIGNANT NECPLASM, STOMACH	M F	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1
B19(4) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, INTESTINE	M F	4 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	3 -
B19(6) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, LUNG, BRONCHUS	M F	5 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	3 -	- -	- -
B19(7) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BREAST	M F	2 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	2 -	- -	- -
B19(9) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, PROSTATE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B19(11) OTHER MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS	M F	4 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	- -	1 2	- -	2 -
B21 DIABETES MELLITUS	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
B26 CHRONIC RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE	M F	2 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	1 -
B27 HYPERTENSIVE DISEASE	M F	2 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 2	1 1	- -	1 1
B28 ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE	M F	21 12	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	6 -	9 6	- -	6 5

Cause of death	Sex	All ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & under year	Age in years								75 & over
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	
B29 OTHER FORMS OF HEART DISEASE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B30 CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
	F	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8
B46(5) OTHER DISEASES OF CIRCULATORY SYSTEM	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
B31 INFLUENZA	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B32 PNEUMONIA	M	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B33(1) BRONCHITIS AND EMPHYSEMA	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(6) OTHER DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B35 APPENDICITIS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(7) OTHER DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B39 HYPERPLASM OF PROSTATE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B46(8) OTHER DISEASES, GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
B42 CONGENITAL ANOMALYES	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B43 BIRTH INJURY, DIFFICULT LABOUR, ETC.	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B44 OTHER CAUSES OF PERINATAL MORTALITY	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE47 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BE48 ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL ALL CASES	M	73	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	25	26	26
	F	54	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	16	24	24

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious diseases notified during the year, shown as quarterly totals:-

	<u>March</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1969</u>
Measles	-	4	1	-	5
Scarlet Fever	4	1	1	1	7
Dysentery	5	12	2	-	19
Infective Jaundice	-	-	1	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	1

FOOD POISONING

The one case of Food Poisoning notified during the year was caused by *S. typhi murium*.

FOOD

(1) General

All food premises were visited by the Public Health Inspector during the year, often in conjunction with visits under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act mentioned later. Twenty-one Voluntary Surrender Certificates were issued for defective food. Two samples of foods and drugs for purity and compliance with the Trade Description Act 1968 were submitted for laboratory examination by the Dorset County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority through their Weights and Measures Department.

Ten informal notices were issued for minor items such as proofing against rodents or normal repairs.

(2) Meat Premises

There are no registered slaughter houses and no poultry processing premises within the District, although there is one egg production battery for 15,000 hens adjacent to a built up area in the Tophill District. All meat for human consumption was inspected by officers of the adjoining authorities. These arrangements were considered satisfactory and no difficulty was experienced. All Butchers and provision shops producing or selling meat products, sausages or meat were visited, and standards were found to be in accordance with the Meat Regulations 1960, Food and Drugs Act 1955 and Food Hygiene Regulations.

(3) Milk

Under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963, the Dorset County Council registered eighteen grocers and cafes as dealers for the sale of pre-packed pasteurised milk.

The County Health Department reported that twenty-four Milk Samples were submitted to the laboratory from retailers and food premises and one of these samples failed to pass the Methylene Blue test.

The two main registered suppliers of milk are Messrs. Lovells Creameries Ltd., and the District Co-operative Society, both at Weymouth.

The Island has two farmers who forward all milk to Weymouth for pasteurisation. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries normally inspect the farms, but the Public Health Inspector visited six times in relation to toilet facilities, rodent clearance in hay stacks etc, and manure removal.

(4) Summary

Food premises within the area are as follows:-

Butchers' Shops	8
Bakers shops	6
Bakeries	3
Greengrocers	14
General provision shops	35
Confectioners	21
Mobile Canteen	2
Works Canteen	3
School Canteen	3
Hotels	6
Licensed Premises	31
Licensed Clubs	5
Salvation Army Hostels	1
Cafes	15

(5) Food Hygiene Regulations 1960 Cafe and Food Premises

Fourteen notices were needed for minor items in food premises in relation to rodent proofing, waste bins abd repairs.

The Council leased land to facilitate a permanemt Cafe in place of the temporary buildings at Verne Yeates, and site clearance commenced.

Generally speaking the food hygiene standard was reasonably satisfactory.

(6) ,Unsound Food Voluntarily Surrendered and Disposed Of

Condemned Food

Condemned food is collected by Council transport after voluntary surrender has been agreed in writing and is disposed of at the Council Tip.

Meat	20lbs
Pears	5lbs
Fish	2lbs
Spaghetti	2lbs
Strawberries	2lbs
Pasties	120lbs
Soup	3lbs
Peas	5lbs

WATER SUPPLY

The Council's Water Undertaking was transferred to the Dorset Water Board on 1st April, 1969.

All houses in the District have a main water supply from the Rriar Waddon borehole where the supply is chlorinated. One sample of the public water supply for chemical analysis was submitted to Messrs. Waterfall & O'Brien of Bristol.

The results are as usual very good and indicate an extremely pure water with no significant change whatsoever from previous results. This is the more satisfactory in that in these days of increasing building schemes, not to mention vast pig keeping establishments, more and more supplies are exposed to risk of pollution.

The fact that the mineral constituents have not changed is also reassuring indicating that there is no change in the mineral composition.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - November 1969

Appearance: Clear and Colourless. No smell
Reaction: pH 7.1
Conductivity: 440 mhos.

	<u>Parts per million</u>
Free Carbon Dioxide CO ₂	10
Ammonia (as N)	
Free	less than 0.01
Albuminoid	0.006
Chlorine (as Chloride)	23
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	38
Oxygen absorbed (4 hrs)	less than 0.2
Nitrogen in Nitrate	2.3
Nitrogen in Nitrite	absent
Total solids	302
Loss on ignition	27
Appearance on ignition	no charring
Hardness. Temporary	213
Permanent	<u>10</u>
Total	223
Lead and Copper	less than 0.05

Mineral

Calcium	Ca	83
Magnesium	Mg	4
Sodium	Na	13
Potassium	K	0.6
Carbonate	CO ₃	128
Sulphate	SO ₄	12
Flouride	F	0.09

Sixty-two samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Dorechester for Bacteriological examination, and were reported on as follows:-

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Council Offices, Portland (chlorinated supply)	58	-	58
Friar Waddon Borehole (before chlorinated)	1	3	4
	<u>59</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>62</u>

HOUSING ACTS 1956-1964

During the year the undermentioned properties were the subject of official Representations under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 and action was taken by the Council as indicated.

25, High Street	Closing Order
1, Belle Vue Terrace	Closing Order
21, Straits, Easton	Closing Order.

HOUSING ACT 1961 - MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Under the Housing Act, 1961, 68 visits were made to the 31 houses occupied by more than one family and 15 informal notices, mainly for essential repairs and overcrowding and one in regard to a fire-escape and one for rubbish removal were issued. One Statutory Notice was required.

There are no Common Lodging houses in the area. There is however a Salvation Army Hostel with seventy cubicles which is well maintained. The fire-escape was improved after consultation with the County Fire Officer's Department.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948, SECTION 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

No formal action was required during the year but 26 visits were made to aged and infirm persons and help and guidance given as needed.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

There are three licenced caravan sites on the Island.

(1) Messrs. H. M. M. and B. A. W. Cade of 27, Shiremore Hill, Merriott, Somerset, for five residential caravans and six holiday caravans on the site adjoining 154 Wakeham.

(2) Mr. H. W. and Mrs. D. Legg of the Higher Lighthouse, Portland Bill, for use of land at the rear of Weston House, Weston Road, (called Weston Caravan Site) for sixteen residential caravans.

The Council's Engineer & Surveyor informs me that in October, 1968 this site was given permanent Planning Approval.

(3) Messrs. Cove Chalet Park (Portland) for thirty holiday caravans in western, upper and lower paddocks adjoining Pennsylvania Castle.

THE DISEASE OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER 1957

The County Council forwarded copies of all licences issued and an inspector from the County Land Agent's Department visited all the pig-keepers' premises regularly. Fifteen visits were made to the pig-keepers' premises by the Public Health Inspector when conditions were found to be satisfactory. All swill is boiled.

ANIMAL BOARDING ACT 1953

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

There were two licenced pet shops on Portland during the year.

The local R.S.P.C.A. Inspector remained an Honorary Inspector under the Pet Animals Act.

The Annual Portland Fair in November was visited by the Public Health Inspector in relation to the Acts.

LETHAL CHAMBER FOR ANIMALS

The cabinets loaned to the Council by the R.S.P.C.A. for the humane destruction of unwanted cats and dogs were available at the Council's Wide Street Depot on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. The service is free, but a voluntary donation may be made to the Society to pay for the chloroform for cats and the maintaining of the electric cabinet for dogs. This electric cabinet was inspected by the makers for efficiency twice during the year. 27 dogs or puppies and 23 cats or kittens were humanely destroyed.

DEALERS IN SCRAP METAL

Four persons were registered by the Council to deal in scrap metal under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 and twelve visits were made by the Public Health Inspector. The general inspection of books and premises were, by the Act, transferred to the Police authority.

MINES AND QUARRIES ACT 1954 SECTION 151

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936 SECTION 92

Fifteen visits were made to check quarry fences throughout the Island. Three reminders were sent to the two quarry companies requiring adjustments or renewal of fences.

LITTER ACT, 1958 CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

The Council and the Crown Officers and the Court Leet do their best to minimise the litter problem at Portland Bill and other Crown Land open to the public. Portland Bill, from which probably the finest views of the English Channel coast-line can be obtained, attracts many thousands of sight-seers every summer, but it is a sad fact that these visitors are not as litter conscious as they might be.

Fortunately, however, this exposed area receives periodic cleaning of its litter by the natural agency of high winds.

To the east of the Bill itself there is a considerable area of land taken up by huts, which are for day recreational purposes. It gives me pleasure to report that these huts and the surrounding area, were again generally speaking, kept in immaculate condition. It is evident that the hut owners, who are mostly local people, take pride in their surroundings.

Abandoned Scrap Cars are now removed to the Council's Depot.

SWIMMING BATHS, TOPHILL AND UNDERHILL JUNIOR SCHOOLS

These baths are chlorinated by drip feed in continuous flow. The County Public Health Department Staff took samples to ensure that the water is clean and sterile throughout the year.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are twelve public conveniences for men and ten for women. These are maintained in reasonable structural condition although several are without wash hand basins. The Council proposed to reconstruct the Easton conveniences and repair the West Weare Conveniences.

The public conveniences at Portland Bill are still inadequate during the peak summer period. A long term proposal was made to the Crown Estate to provide a joint convenience on Keymouth Road from proposed fees collected from the Car Park.

DRAINAGE AND GENERAL WORK

The Health Department carries out the clearing of drains and private sewers by direct labour at no separate charge to the property owners. Notices were served on the owners for drainage repairs or improvements on drains giving recurrent trouble.

The Public Health Inspector checked and tested all drain repairs and dealt with enquiries regarding existing drainage including choked or defective household drains throughout the Island.

Authority is given to him to require work to be carried out on private sewers, in the mane of the Council, to ensure early action in emergency, and apportionment of cost between owners.

The Council's Sanitary Assistant carried out most of the rodent destruction throughout the area, (apart from Crown properties) disinfestations and disinfections of building, burning of accumulations, spraying of the Council's tip, and other miscellaneous duties.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936, CLEAN AIR ACT 1956, DUST AND SMOKE

Under the Public Health Act occasional checks were made on the stone crusher at Wakeham and at the Loading Quay at Castletown, regarding dust.

At Wakeham a change in the process necessitated numerous reminders to the owners on precautions to minimise a dust nuisance in the locality.

Twelve visits were made to the crusher and fourteen to the loading quay. There has been no serious smoke problem in the area and there are no smoke control areas on the Island.

The Naval Base sometimes causes black smoke during fire-fighting practices but it is usually arranged for these to take place when the winds are off-shore.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Portland has approximately 4,260 dwellings and business premises and drainage from these, with few exceptions, passes into sewers and out to sea untreated through four outfalls, at Chiswell, Chene, Portland Bill and Sheat.

Apart from a small area at the end of Wakeham, all the Tophill sewerage enters the sea by natural fall but in the Underhill area all sewage is pumped into the sea at Chiswell.

The Grove area comprising of the Borstal Institution and the Officers Quarters, the Grove School and two large houses in the area and a new Estate of ten houses for the Borstal Institution are connected to the Institution's private sewer outfall.

The Admiralty have private outfalls from the Naval Base and other establishments adjoining, which enter the sea outside the harbour.

Following complaints alleging sewage contaminisation at Church Ope Cove, samples of sea water were taken for bacteriological examination at various states of the tide on the 22nd and 25th August and the 3rd and 22nd September. No coliform or other organisms suggesting sewage contamination were detected. I am most grateful to Dr. George Tee of the Public Health Laboratory at Dorchester who personally carried out these investigations.

The sewer of the new Westcliff Naval housing accommodation and caravan site and the large Admiralty buildings at Southwell are connected to the Council's sewers, although surface water is disposed of separately.

The provision of a separate surface water system in connection with the continued housing development in the Weston area has helped the existing sewerage system to cope with the new development. A scheme to relieve the Weston sewer and to group the sewers to Sheat outfall was commenced.

In the Southwell area work proceeded on the provision of new surface water and foul sewers to serve the new estate to connect to the separate system provided by the developers.

RODENT CONTROL

The district was consistently inspected for rats and other rodents by the Public Health Inspector and the part-time rodent operative.

The open spaces at Tophill continued to need steady attention, but no major infestations occurred.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food methods of disinfestations were used and there were regular visits from their officers to check work.

A 10% overall test by baiting was made with good results and areas poison baited according to the Ministry Inspector's advice. Extremely few rats were found in the sewers on the first time and none were found on the second test.

Baits containing preservative were used for both sewers and surface treatments. Small metal trays continued to be provided in selected manhole chambers to hold the bait above the level of the storm water flow during the rainy season.

Eighty-four minor infestations of rats were dealt with and thirty-five treatments were given for mice.

The Council Tip was baited twenty-five times during the year.

Number of visits of part-time Rodent Operative (inspection and treatment)	820
Minor infestations (rats and mice) reported or found and eradicated	119
Sewer manholes test-baited	70
Sewer manholes poison-baited (two periods)	18
Owners advised regarding precautions	12
Visits made by the Public Health Inspector primarily for other purposes, but combined with rodent inspection	1145
Visits made by the Public Health Inspector for rodent matters only	16

REFUSE COLLECTION

This work is under the control of the Council's Engineer & Surveyor who writes as follows:-

A weekly collection of house and shop refuse was carried out regularly and satisfactorily throughout the year. A performance payment was introduced.

One Commer 35 cubic yard rear loading ram tipping vehicle used for main collections. One afternoon a week a second vehicle, being an 18 yard Commer rear loading verticle tipping vehicle is employed for the collection in narrow streets.

It is estimated that 4,800 tons of house and trade refuse was disposed of during the year.

Controlled tipping has been maintained on the Council's tip at Wide Street, despite difficult weather conditions.

Every effort was made to prevent "Tip-Picking" and two persons were in fact successfully prosecuted by the police for such offences.

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

By this Act occupiers of shops and offices are required to be registered with the Local Authority (mines quarries and works offices, railway, government and local government premises are registered with H. M. Factory Inspector) and all premises are notified to the County Fire Officer.

The Public Health Inspector is the authorised Officer under the Act and the sixth full report to the Ministry of Labour showed that at the end of 1969 one hundred and sixty five inspections were made to seventeen offices, eight-two retail shops, four wholesale warehouses, ~~eighteen~~ catering establishments and three fuel depots.

There were 198 men and 231 women employed in the premises registered with the Portland Council.

The Acts Draws special attention to heating, ventilation, first-aid, floor space, safety precautions, fire prevention and welfare and requires a compulsory summary of the Acts and Orders to be displayed available to all members of the staff. This summary and books are available from H. M. Stationary Office or from local Stationers.

No accidents were reported to the Council during the year.

The bad condition of the fences in the disused Easton Station Cuttings were brought to the notice of the Railway Estate.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS, ETC. MADE BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Visits made re-Housing	145
Visits made under Public Health Acts	77
Housing 'Special Conditions' applications	58
Complaints investigated	40
Informal Notices issued	74
Builders or owners interviewed	108
Reinspections	177
Informal Notices complied	74
Council House tenancy enquiries	68
Housing Survey Inspections	22
Aged and infirm persons	26
Council house visits	265
Repair items referred to Engineer & Surveyor's Department	98
Houses let in lodgings	68
Informal Notices issued	15
Informal Notices complied	15
Statutory Notices issued	1
Statutory Notices complied	1
Water samples (bacteriological)	67
Waterworks	3
Water wastage reported	22
Water samples (chemical)	1
Butchers' Shops and meat preparation rooms	22
Informal Notices issued	4
Informal Notices complied	4
Grocers	39
Ice Cream and Milk	15
Licensed Premises	25
Food Certificates issued	33
Magistrates Certificates-re unsound food	1
Clubs	14
Food complaints investigated	5
Notifications to producers	4
Cafes	20
Greengrocers	12
Informal Notices issued	10
Informal Notices complied	10
School and School Canteens	6
Fish Shops	10
Visits re-drains	60
Choked drains or sewers cleared	216
Notices to repair drainage	14
Drain repairs approved	23
Formal Notices	3
Grease tanks pumped	1
Sewerage items mentioned to Engineer & Surveyor's Department	6
Special investigations of defective sewers	1
Mortgaged properties inspected	20
Shops and Offices Acts	165
Factory Inspections	87
Informal Notices issued	13
Informal Notices complied	13
Pet shops	6
Easton Station (dis-used) re complaints	20
Council Tip and Depot	50
Tip sprayed for flies	6
Tip baited for rats	25
Inspector's visits re-rodents	16
Quarries inspected-- fences	15
Informal Notices issued	3
Informal Notices complied	3
Public Conveniences	152
School Conveniences	8
Deposits removed from quarries and open spaces	63
Council and private building sites	14
Scrap Metal Dealers - visits	10

Hackney Carriages	90
Dangerous buildings	6
Caravans	12
Farms and Chicken Battery	10
Informal Notices issued	4
Informal Notices complied	4
Septic Tanks	12
Tanks pumped	6
Pig premises	5
Noise abatement	15
Informal Notices issued	8
Informal Notices complied	8
Statutory Notices issued	1
Statutory Notices complied	1
Garages re-petroleum Acts	19
Disinfestations (except rats)	15
Tents, vans and sheds (casual camping)	25
Beach	7
Disinfection of dwelling	8
Pet animals and Animal Boarding Acts	2
Pleasure Boats	10
Cemetery	1
Miscellaneous	260
Hairdressers	6

Summary

Informal Notices issued	..	..	..	117
Informal Notices complied	..	..	..	119
Statutory Notices issued	..	..	..	2
Statutory Notices complied	..	..	..	2
Total number of visits or inspections made	..			<u>2,605</u>

FACTORIES ACT 1961Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act 1961

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	39	46	8	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	29	43	3	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	18	4	-
Total	71	107	15	-

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No of cases in which pro- secutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temper- ature (S.3)	-	-	-	1	-
Inadequate ventila- tion (S.4)	1	1	-	-	-

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Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector By H.M. Inspector (4) (5)		
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	5	5	-	1	-
Total	13	13	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Outwork) Sections 133 and 134

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133		Section 134			
	No. of out-workers in August list required by section 133(a)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No of instances of work in unwhole-some premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	pros-ecution (7)
Wearing) Making apparatus) etc.,	10	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10	-	-	-	-	-

